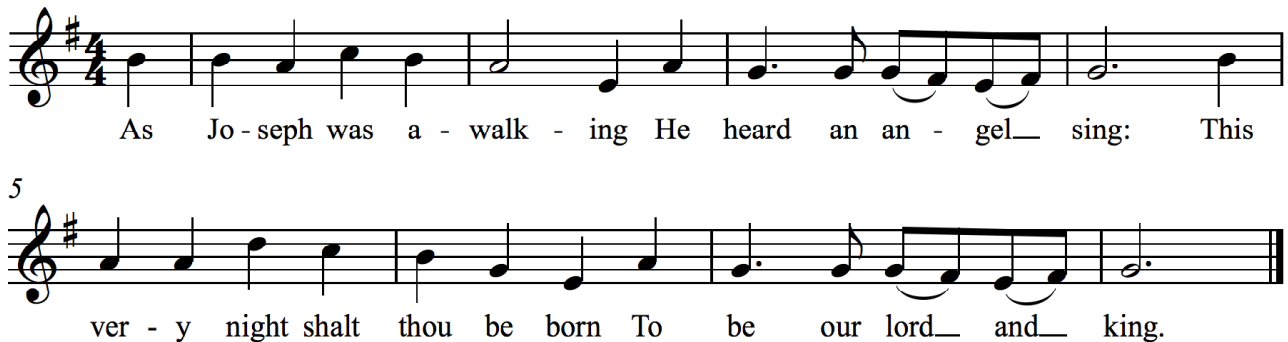


As Joseph Was A-Walking (as collected)

Collected by Cecil Sharp 10-April-1911

Sung by Charles Smith (49) at Coates, Glos
Extra words from his sister Mrs E.E Rort



Charles Smith's words

As Joseph was a-walking He heard an angel sing
This very night shalt thou be born To be our Lord and King

'His birthplace shall be neither In houses nor in hall,
But in a wooden manger laid That rested on the mould.

----- the two verse above were provided by Charles Smith. Cecil Sharp's tune transcription says the
verses below were provided by his sister Mrs E.E. ?Rort? Of 2 Branksome Villas, Anyards Road,
Cobham -----

As Joseph was a-walking He heard an angel sing
This very night shalt Christ be born The Angels Lord and King

His birthplace shall be neither in housen or in hall,
But in a wooden manger rude laid in the oxen's stall.

His clothing shall be neither in purple or in pall,
But in the linen white and fair that unseen baby's all.

As Joseph was a-walking thus did the angels sing:
This very night shall Christ be born, Our glorious Lord and King.

Song as collected by Cecil Sharp

Source: Sharp, manuscript copy ref FT2579 includes Charles Smith tune & words, and also the words from Charles Smith's sister. We leave it to the singer to select the verses they wish to use

Notes:

1. Age provided by singer
2. Two versions were published in the Oxford Book of Carols in 1928
3. Jan-2014. The 'EDFSS Full English' revealed a letter from Charles Smith to Maud Karpeles '... [Cecil Sharp] was staying with Mrs Swanick the Thatched Cottage Coats ... I was then a Postman at ... Daglingworth and I was the leader of a Mumming team at the Village and Mrs Swanick got to know it through a Mrs Gimson at Sapperton and those two ladies came to see me to ask me if I would tell them all about the Mumming and I volunteered to cycle to Mrs Swanick's House the next day. And there I met the Dear old Gentleman Mr Sharp and I found it was him that wanted the Gloucestershire Mumming acting. He was pleased to see me and he wrote down all about the Mumming and I sang some songs as well.

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